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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CHARTER FLIGHTS FOR UGANDA COFFEE

REF: STATE 217780; MADRID 9700; DJIBOUTI 1274

1. UPON RECEIPT STATE 217780 EMBASSY TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO CONTACT CAPT. DAVIS AT TELEPHONE NUMBER HE HAD PROVIDED. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WE WERE ABLE TO CONTACT AIRCRAFT LEASOR, AEROTRANSPORTES DE ESPANA, IN ALICANTE. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF FIRM, THE LEASED 707 HAS BEEN SUBCHARTERED TO BAB AL MANDEB AIRLINES OF DJIBOUTI AND IS NOW ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COFFEE SHUTTLE FROM UGANDA. EMBOFF ASKED WHY CAPT. DAVIS HAD NOT CALLED EMBASSY TO CHECK ON REPLY TO HIS INQUIRY AND WAS TOLD THAT DAVIS HAD ABSCONDED WITH SOME OF COMPANY'S MONEY AND HAD BEEN REPLACED.

2. ACCORDING TO AEROTRANSPORTES DE ESPANA DIRECTOR SUB-CHARTER WAS ARRANGED BY IDRIS OMAR GUELLE AND A MR. FOUAD, WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS OFFICERS OF DJIBOUTI
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AIRLINE. EMBASSY HAS NOTED THAT INFORMATION REPORTED IN DJIBOUTI 1274 APPEARS TO CONFIRM THIS. WHEN EMBOFF INFORMED DIRECTOR OF REQUIREMENT FOR "OPERATOR" TO OBTAIN RE-EXPORT LICENSE FROM COMMERCE DEPARTMENT FOR SUB-LEASE TO THIRD COUNTRY, DIRECTOR ASKED IF US FIRM (MCA LEASING, MIAMI) OR SPANISH FIRM WAS CONSIDERED AS OPERATOR OF AIRCRAFT, EMBOFF SAID HE

BELIEVED THAT US FIRM WAS "OPERATOR" BUT THAT THIS
WOULD BE VERIFIED WITH COMMERCE. OFFICIAL AT MCA
LEASING HANDLING ARRANGEMENT WITH SPANISH FIRM WAS
IDENTIFIED AS MIGUEL ACOSTA.

3. IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH CAPT. DAVIS EMBOFF
INFORMED HIM OF TRAVEL ADVISORY AND GENERALLY UNSETTLED
CONDITIONS IN UGANDA. DAVIS SAID HE WAS ALREADY AWARE OF
THE SITUATION FROM PRESS REPORTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SPANISH FIRM HAS ASKED THAT WE
INFORM THEM IF POSSIBLE WITH REGARD TO ANY ACTION BY
USG TO HALT OR INTERFERE WITH FLIGHTS, SINCE THEY ARE
UNDER CONTRACT TO DJIBOUTI AIRLINE. EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO RESPONSE TO SPANISH COMPANY.
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